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FILED. STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE

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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

MARCÍ H. KOLSON 37KDD409400

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IN THE STATE

OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Kolson's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Kolson disclosed in her application that she has been working as a counselor in a for-profit setting, at Caring Family Community Services, under the supervision of Ms. Penny Clark, LPC and Jim Ullman, LCSW. Ms. Kolson stated that she completed 4,500 hours of supervised experience at Caring Family Community Services.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a forprofit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS  $15^{\frac{1}{7}}$  DAY OF  $A_{000}$ , 2007 ORDERED:

- 1. Ms. Kolson shall immediately cease and desist from offering or engaging in professional counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.
- 2. None of supervised hours performed by Ms. Kolson in any for-profit setting shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.
- 3. The applicant shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey

07101. The civil penalty shall be paid within ten (10) days of the entry of the within order.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

J. Barry Mascari/

President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

Marci Kolson